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## Images in cardio-thoracic surgery

### Mediastinal tumor? – Gibson-Mikulicz tampon

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An 83-year-old man with intermittent atrial fibrillation and atrio-ventricular blockade grade-III was evaluated for epicardial pacemaker implantation through left thoracotomy because of history of tricuspid valve replacement (Hancock

31 mm) and PFO occlusion in 1981. He also underwent a wedge resection of the upper left lobe in 1950 because of tuberculosis (Figs. 1–2).

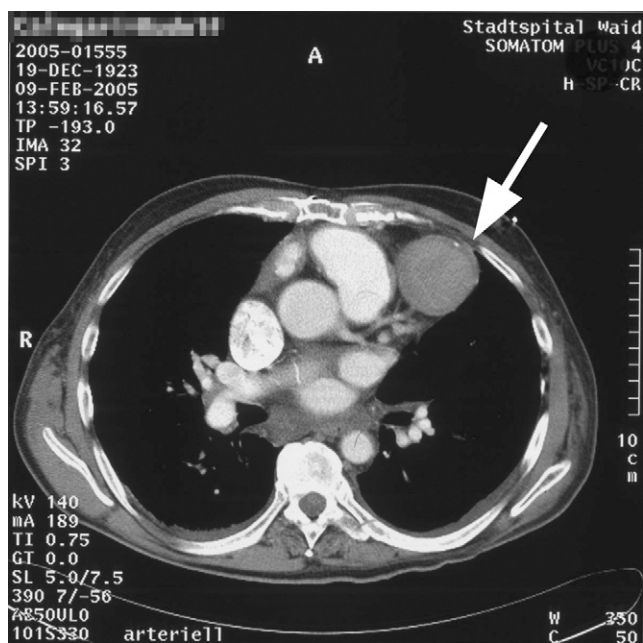


Fig. 1. Thoracic CT scan showing a para-median left 9 cm oval, encapsulated and slightly calcified formation, adjacent to the left ventricle and pulmonary trunk.



Fig. 2. This was stapler-dissected and removed via left thoracotomy before placing the epicardial electrodes and it turned out to be an old firm pack of plain gauze inside a rubber dam thought as a modified Gibson or Mikulicz hemostatic drainage after TBC-wedge resection! This was confirmed in the histology examination.

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